

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 14 FEBRUARY 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Chronic Disease Dental Scheme – Audit Process

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Question:

- a) At what stage is the audit process (i.e. is it still underway)?
- b) How many dentists have so far been audited?
- c) How many does the Department expect to audit in total?

Answer:

- a) The audit process is still underway.
- b) To date around 631 audit cases are either underway or have been completed. Of these, 536 are still being assessed and actioned. This includes audits that have been initiated as a result of complaints and tip-offs received by the Department. To date, 95 audit cases have been closed.
- c) The Department will complete the 536 audit cases plus any additional audits initiated as a result of complaints and tip-offs. Complaints and tip offs continue to be received by the Department.